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Our File No. 1322/8

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2. An Amendment after Final Rejection (21 pages);
3. Exhibits A-H to Amendment after Final Rejection;
4. Affidavit of David M. Sprague (3 pages);
5. A Petition for Extension of Time (Form PTO/SB/22, 2 pages) in duplicate;
6. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
7. Copies of seven (7) cited references and Assignee Weekly Status Reports;
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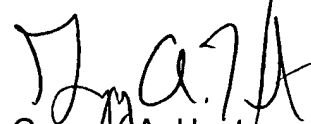
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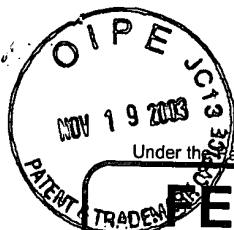
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1402	320	2402	160	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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